

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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TZVI WEISS, LEIB WEISS, MALKA WEISS,
YITZCHK WEISS, YERUCHAIM WEISS, and
ESTHER DEUTSCH,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC,

Defendant.

CV 05-4622 (CPS)

**STATEMENT OF DEFENDANT
PURSUANT TO RULE 7.1 OF THE
FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL
PROCEDURE**

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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the undersigned counsel for Defendant National Westminster Bank Plc certifies that National Westminster Bank Plc is wholly owned by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, which is wholly owned by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc. Only The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc is a publicly held company.

Pursuant to Rule 50.1(c) of the Guidelines For The Division Of Business Among District Judges, Eastern District, adopted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 137, counsel for National

Westminster Bank Plc attaches the Federal Reserve System Hierarchy Report for The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, printed on December 16, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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